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## **Next Community Vaccination Centers Scheduled for April 15 and April 22**

Brookings, S.D. – April 5, 2021 –The Brookings County Pandemic Planning and Coordination Committee's (PPCC) next two community vaccination centers, also referred to as points of dispensing (PODs), are scheduled for April 15 and April 22. Both events will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Swiftel Center in Brookings on their respective dates.

Fifteen-hundred first dose vaccines will be available to South Dakota residents age 18 and older at each vaccination center. Residents can register for either date and should not wait to receive a call from their clinic to register. Registration is required and walk-ins will not be accepted. Recipients must register in advance. Individuals registered for the April 15 community vaccination center must commit to receiving a second dose on May 13; those registered for the April 22 date must commit to receiving a second dose on May 20.

At the time of appointment, recipients must bring:

- Valid ID (driver's license, passport, state-issued ID, etc.)
- Completed vaccine administration form

South Dakota residents may call (605) 692-2811 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays or visit brookingshealth.org/POD to register for a vaccine appointment on either date.

Individuals needing transportation to the community vaccination center may schedule a free ride in advance with Brookings Area Transit Authority (BATA) by calling (605) 692-2222.

## **About the Brookings County Pandemic Planning & Coordination Committee**

The Brookings County Pandemic Planning & Coordination Committee (PPCC) is a partnership between Brookings Health System, Brookings County Emergency Management, the City of Brookings, the Brookings County Chapter of the Red Cross, South Dakota State University, Sanford Health Brookings Clinic, Avera Medical Group Brookings and the Swiftel Center. The PPCC focuses on community preparedness and response in cases of natural disasters, infectious diseases and terrorism. More information and resources can be found at <a href="mailto:bereadybrookings.com">bereadybrookings.com</a>.

PHOTO: Operations Section Chief Patrick Siegling registers Marc Serrett for his vaccination dose at the April 1 community vaccination center. The Brookings County PPCC will hold two community vaccination centers on April 15 and April 22 for South

Dakota residents age 18 and older. South Dakota residents may sign up by calling (605) 692-2811 or by visiting <a href="mailto:brookingshealth.org/POD">brookingshealth.org/POD</a>.

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